

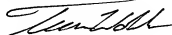
## II. REMARKS

Claims 4-20, 22, and 24-35 were pending at the time of the Office Action, with claims 22 and 24-35 being withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The Action stated that claims 12-14 were allowed (Action, p. 8, last paragraph). Claims 4-11, 15-20, 22, and 24-35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the present case will be in condition for allowance as only allowed claims 12-14 will be pending in this application. Entry of the amendment is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1), which provides for an amendment after a final action to cancel claims or comply with requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-5654.

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